

Speaks about Values Reinforced during 31 Years in Navy

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NORRISTOWN, PA— Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07) celebrated Columbus Day by speaking at the Christopher Columbus monument in Norristown borough. The event is an annual celebration of "discovery" in which attendees remind themselves of how they can go beyond what people expect of them and, through their efforts, lead to successes that they thought were impossible.

"This monument is here because of the perseverance, determination and commitment of the citizens who dedicated themselves to building and maintaining the structure," said Congressman Sestak. "These values continue to define our nation as we look to discover what the 21st century holds for America."

The monument was first envisioned in 1926 and built in 1984. It was recently repaired with the help of the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office Community Service Program, a program in which criminal offenders do community service as part of their sentence. Since the construction of the monument in the eighties, it has received special acclaim for its uniqueness from the Spanish and Italian consulates.